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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF X-RAY MACHINES

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1. THE OPERATION OF X-RAY MACHINES FOR MEDICAL (INCLUDING DENTAL AND VETERINARIAN) USE AND FOR NON-MEDICAL (INDUSTRIAL) USE IS GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE PROTECTION AGAINST DAMAGES BY X-RAYS, DATED MARCH 1, 1973. A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OPERATOR OF X-RAY MACHINES TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE. SUCH OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO LICENSING BY, OR REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND (STATE) GOVERNMENT OR AN AGENCY OR OFFICE DESIGNATED BY IT.

3. THE LICENSING PROCEDURE IS NORMALLY USED FOR SINGLE MACHINES, WHILE THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE IS NORMALLY USED FOR MACHINES PRODUCED IN QUANTITIES. REGISTRATION ALONE WILL SUFFICE IF THE LOCAL TECHNICAL INSPECTION AGENCY (TUEV) HAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE STATING THAT (A) THE PROTOTYPE OF THE X-RADIATOR HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE PHYSIKALISCH-TECHNISCHE BUNDESANSTALT,
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BRAUNSCHWEIG, (B) THE MACHINE WAS BUILT ACCORDING TO

THE PRESENT STATE OF ART AS LAID DOWN IN GERMAN INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS, OR REFLECTS THE SAME LEVEL OF SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY, AND (C) A SATISFACTORY TEST OF ITS RADIATION SAFETY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT AT THE PLACE OF OPERATION OF THE MACHINE.

4. FOR X-RAY MACHINES BUILT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THEY ASSURE A COMPLETE OR HIGH DEGREE OF PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION, TESTING OF THE PROTOTYPE OF THE X-RADIATOR BY THE PHYSIKALISCH-TECHNISCHE BUNDESANSTALT IS ALSO REQUIRED, BUT OTHERWISE A SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE APPLIES.

5. X-RAY MACHINES OPERATED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, E. G., THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES, THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR INTERIOR, THE FEDERAL CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, OR BY THE FEDERAL POST OFFICE, OR BY STATE OR MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS MUST ALSO MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

6. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS, NO CASES WERE KNOWN TO THEM WHERE X-RAY MACHINES OF U.S. ORIGIN DID NOT MEET THE GERMAN REQUIREMENTS OR FAILED TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED.
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